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FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR FROM TAFT

1. FACT THAT A REFUGEE HAS REQUESTED THIRD COUNTRY RE-
SETTLEMENT IS NOT REPEAT NOT A VALID REASON FOR REFUSING
A FIRM SPONSORSHIP OFFER.

2. WITH EXCEPTION OF CANADA, THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN
WILLING TO ACCEPT FOR RESETTLEMENT REFUGEES WHO HAD PRE-
VIOUSLY APPLIED TO THOSE COUNTRIES BUT, WHILE AWAITING
ACCEPTANCE, HAVE MEANWHILE BEEN PROCESSED OUT INTO US
SOCIETY. THEREFORE, IN ACCEPTING A U.S. SPONSORSHIP
A REFUGEE NEED NOT ABANDON HIS WISH TO RESETTLE IN A THIRD
COUNTRY (EXCEPT CANADA). HE SHOULD ACCEPT SPONSORSHIP
AND THEN FOLLOW UP HIS PREVIOUS APPLICATION TO THE THIRD
COUNTRY.

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3. ANY POLICY OTHER THAN THE ABOVE RISKS CREATING A

REMAINDER OF REFUGEES AWAITING WORD FROM THIRD COUNTRIES
AND INHABITING CAMPS FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD AFTER ALL OTHER
REFUGEES HAVE BEEN PROCESSED OUT.

4. THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO REFUGEES WHO ACCEPT U.S.
SPONSORSHIPS WHILE AWAITING MOVEMENT TO THIRD COUNTRIES:
1) CHILDREN CAN ENROLL IN SCHOOLS; 2) HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD
CAN GET JOB AND EARN MONEY WHICH WOULD MAKE FAMILY MORE
ATTRACTIVE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES; 3)
FAMILY MEMBERS CAN RECEIVE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHICH ALLOWS
THEM TO GO ABROAD TO LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT BUT RETURN TO
THE US IF THEY ARE UNSUCCESSFUL.

5. OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGE TO US IS THAT VALUABLE SPONSOR-
SHIP OFFER WILL BE USED UP FOR THESE REFUGEES. SENIOR
CIVILIAN COORDINATOR SHOULD USE OWN JUDGMENT. THIRD
COUNTRY MOVEMENT IS EXCRUCIATINGLY SLOW IN SPITE OF
OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE IT. IATF PREFERS
SPONSORSHIP IN U.S. TO THE TRANSFER OF THIRD COUNTRY
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